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SUBJECT: LEBANESE CANDIDACY FOR ICAO COUNCIL

1. IN NOTE TO EMBASSY DATED FEB 28, LEBANESE FONOFF NOTIFIED
USG OF LEBANON'S CANDIDACY FOR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP ON ICAO
COUNCIL AND REQUESTED US SUPPORT FOR THIS CANDIDACY IN ELECTIONS
DUE TO BE HELD DURING FORTHCOMING ICAO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

FONOFF CITED FOLLOWING REASONS AS BASIS FOR ITS REQUEST:

(A) ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY GOL IN AVIATION FIELD AND ITS
PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CIVIL
AVIATION;

(B) FACT THAT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEVEL, FACILITIES OFFERED
AND AIR TRANSPORT POLICES FOLLOWED BY GOL HAVE MADE BEIRUT
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT A REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL
AVIATION;

(C) ENLARGEMENT OF NETWORK SERVED BY LEBANON'S TWO AVIATION
COMPANIES HAS RANKED COUNTRY NO. 8 IN WORLD VOLUME OF
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PASSENGER AND CARGO SERVICE, ACCORDING TO LATEST ICAO STATISTICS;

(D) LEBANON'S IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION GIVES IT A
UNIQUE ROLE AS AVIATION HUB AND MEETING-PLACE FOR COUNTRIES OF THREE
MAJOR CONTINENTS; AND,

(E) GOL'S CONTRIBUTION (MADE THROUGH ICAO REGIONAL AVIATION
SAFETY CENTER IN BEIRUT) TO TRAINING AVIATION PERSONNEL FROM NEAR
AND FAR EAST, AS WELL AS AFRICA, PLUS ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN
ICAO MEETING -- INCLUDING WORK OF ICAO EXPERT COMMITTEES--SINCE
1953.

2. ACTION RECOMMENDED: IN VIEW OF REASONS CITED ABOVE,
AND GIVEN PAST HISTORY OF HELPFUL LEBANESE COOPERATION WITH US
EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY IN ICAO CONTEXT, EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS USG SUPPORT LEBANESE CANDIDACY IN NEXT FALL'S ICAO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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